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Princess Theresa's forty-ninth anniversary cannot represent the age of one always young.

Reformers are all right when their reformation is not worse than the evil they claim to be after.

Are the Sons of the American Revolution to take care of the Fourth of July? It should not escape notice.

Make your Fleet suggestions now. Don't plan to sit on the corner and complain about what might have been.

Some day we may know whether the fatal explosion on the Japanese cruiser was a product of the open turret.

With the Territorial Treasury short of funds, the receipts for taxes will the more speedily return to circulation.

Don't forget that the Improvement Club has sent out a call for clean back-yards, and all the factors of the City Beautiful.

Happy May Day to Captain Rees! The work on which he is now engaged properly supplements what he did that morning in Manila Bay.

Let our mainland friends with money make note of the fact that the Japanese consider Hawaii's enterprises a good field for investment and are placing their money accordingly.

What is the sense of protecting the Pacific Coast with a fleet of armored cruisers when one first-class battleship can stand off three or four of them? That's what the sitting-room experts say.

Someone must have said he was getting cold feet, when Brother Hughes finds it necessary to state that he intends to remain a candidate until the convention puts him on the waiting-list for another campaign.

Please do not think that reference to the amount of money on each battleship is inspired by a desire to see the color of the coin before the entertainment begins. Honolulu will celebrate though there be only a nickel aboard each ship.

These people who attempt to hold the newspapers responsible for Mr. Thwing's agitation are merely seeking an excuse for not dealing directly with Thwing and his associates. They can tell everyone else what to do and thus evade their own duty.

Honolulu, while not enjoying a boom, is doing a very comfortable stock business. When the real estate market and the mercantile trade begin to feel the impetus of more money and more people, Honolulu may safely declare that it has "recovered from the boom."

It would have been better to have thoroughly explained the cause for the Supervisors' suspension of Park funds. The public would then know that each one intimately connected with the management of the park is pointing to his neighbor and remarking, "He's the fellow to blame."

Did the selfish and misguided citizens of the East succeed in keeping our troops stationed in Eastern barracks when they were needed to protect the Nation's outpost? Then why should they be allowed to drag the Battleship Fleet back to a section of the world where it is not needed?

Should we buy residences for our diplomats, the financial problem would still loom large for the foreign Ambassador. He would be forced to keep up the establishment in a manner befitting the elaborate surroundings. It will be a great day when the country so provides for its foreign representatives that appointments may be based on the size of a man's brain rather than his pocket-book.

Turn about is fair play: The Territory accepted drafts in payment of taxes during the financial stringency and the big business men pay their

taxes early to help out the Territory when the money runs low. All this swapping of courtesies could be obviated and all business put on a much more satisfactory basis if the Territory deposited its funds in the local banks. The next Legislature should put a Depository bill on the list of measures certain to become law.

MR. THWING'S AGITATION.

The comment of Mr. F. L. Waldron on the Thwing agitation will undoubtedly meet approval in nine hundred and ninety-nine of every thousand homes of this city.

Mr. Thwing is undoubtedly laboring under the opinion that he is doing something good. As a matter of fact he is stirring up an evil snarl, that neither improves the community disposition nor promotes right living.

Thwing and those associated with him feel that they are being martyred when they are criticised by citizens who would "compromise with evil." If he thinks so, the only thing to do is to let him think. A fanatic on any topic is impossible from a common-sense standpoint. Criticism appeals to his vanity and he looks in the glass and allows his mind to dwell on great men who suffered for righteousness' sake.

But Mr. Thwing is doing the city of Honolulu and its honest manhood and its pure womanhood a distinct injury. Under the guise of high

SAY, MY FRIEND, Wake Up!

Kilauea Volcano

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standards of morality he is creating the impression among those who do not know anything about Honolulu that this town is a town of low moral atmosphere and comparable with cities of the mainland that are undergoing a reform. He would say, "I never said so, I always speak highly of Honolulu."

The practical effect of Mr. Thwing's campaign is to turn the mind of the mainlanders to the worst that is in mainland cities when contemplating Honolulu. It goes farther than that.

We all know that there are more people on the mainland who think of Honolulu as half-civilized than there are who know it to be a very progressive and generally clean cosmopolitan American town.

Thwing's agitation feeds ignorance and promotes the wrong ideas that prevail in mainland circles. He may send a letter or two to a few friends and a few newspapers, but he knows and we all know that evil report travels more rapidly than all the affidavits of good standing with which he may follow them up.

Regardless of what Thwing or Richards think or believe, the fact remains that the practical result of their work is evil—nothing more; nothing less.

Honolulu was not an immoral town when they opened their campaign. It will be more nearly an immoral town if their plans are allowed to prevail. Meanwhile the reputation of the city is being gratuitously, if innocently, but most needily, besmirched.

PROHIBITION? NOT!

Editor Evening Bulletin:—It must be conceded that a seaport city differs from an inland town. The present agitation for local option has been commenced within the charmed circle of some well-meaning but impracticable men whose enthusiasm has led them to believe that Honolulu would be better off if it was made by legal force a Dry City.

It may be that the men who are in the charmed circle have never tasted wine, ale, beer or whiskey nor even has any of these liquids prescribed for them by their physicians while suffering and sick. Whiskey is indispensable where the action of the heart is weak. People who know how to use good beer, prefer it to impure water. Water gushing from the earth, cooled by the great rocks over which it passes, is scarce in Honolulu. Water rates are high and delinquents have to pay a penalty when they are not prompt.

Beer helps to strengthen the weak and is the greatest tonic known drunk with food.

Nearly two thousand years ago the Saviour turned the water into wine at the wedding feast.

Coercion and force are incompatible with the American idea of government. Tourists nearly all drink wine or beer with their food.

No public dinner given here within the last fifty years has been served without wines, liquors or beer.

Those who drink beer, ale, wines or distilled spirits do not go into the charmed circle to coax or coerce the members who are "on the keg" to drink. Neither do any of the liquor

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Bews Dead

News was received by the Maru mail this afternoon of the death of H. Bews, who was formerly the manager of the Hawaiian hotel, and who left for the Coast a short time ago. The letter states that he died at San Francisco between 12:30 and 3 a. m. Monday, April 29. He had not been ill long. Death was ascribed to heart failure.

The French steamer Ceylan, Jouan, sails at 5 o'clock this afternoon for San Francisco. She was delayed in getting away by being unable to discharge Honolulu freight in time.

A prominent sport, in discussing Bat Nelson's change of plans, said that the Dane was wise in taking on a rough-and-ready mixer of Un-hold's type instead of hooking up with Joe Gans. Against a slugger like the Boer the Dane will be in his element, but with a classy boxer like Gans he would be at a big disadvantage.

Danny Shay is now a free lance from an organized baseball point of view and he can sign with any club. The National Commission ruled that he was a free agent. Shay was released by New York to Oakland, but he claimed that he had not signed a contract with either New York or Oakland, as neither wanted him.

dealers send agents or solicitors after any of the chosen people.

A man who doesn't want to drink liquor or beer need not do so. He can exercise his right of citizenship and refuse to either handle the article or drink it. No one will come around with a glass or bottle and put it under his nose.

Freedom of speech, action and thought is conceded to every man, woman and child who places his or her feet on the soil of the Union if he or she observes the law of the land.

Massachusetts had a prohibitory law on the statute books. It could not be enforced. The proprietor of the Parker house was found not guilty. He defied the prohibitory law because he honestly believes that it was unconstitutional and an infringement of his rights as a citizen. The General Court of the Commonwealth repealed the prohibitory law after it raised the very devil in the Bay State.

Maine is full of spies and witnesses who are directly and indirectly trying to make a living without doing any work. Maine is in the power of the temperance coercionists, yet in Bangor or Portland the thirsty can always get any kind of liquor or beer they may call for and the police court records of Bangor, Portland, Bath, Lewiston, Kennebec, Calais and other cities are the strongest evidence that the prohibitory law of Maine is not a success. At the great horse races and meet held at Lewiston, Maine, a few years ago, the writer saw a real old-fashioned bacchanalian night, participated in by a large number of the good citizens of Lewiston. In the prohibition state of Maine.

Honolulu needs a good liquor law, an inspector who will seize all adulterated liquors, a high license for the sale of distilled spirits and a limited number of them.

The licensing of the sale of light wines and beer for a fee of \$250 or \$300 and only issuing such licenses to first class restaurants and within prescribed limits so that they will not be near a church, school, or where private holiness meetings are held, will do more to promote temperance than a law on the statute books unsupported by a strong minority of the citizens of Honolulu who refused to be legislated into being total abstainers and I am not sure that if this issue is forced at this inopportune time it will not be defeated by a substantial majority of the electors who believe in equal rights.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I am

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A deed has been filed with Registrar Merriam transferring for the consideration of one dollar 20 1/2 acres of land in Nahiku from Hugh Howell to the Hawaiian American Rubber Company. Another deed was filed this morning with the Registrar whereby the company acquires by lease 63.7 acres from Bishop Liberty.

The lease was made in June, 1907, but has just been placed on record. It is, Lot 8 in Nahiku, consisting of 63.7 acres is leased to the Hawaiian American Rubber Company for a term of 35 years. The company is to pay \$60 per year for the first five years, \$150 per year for the second five years, and \$225 per year for the remainder of the term.

The conditions state that the rubber company must have 20 acres of land planted in rubber trees at the end of the first year and not less than 40 acres within the first five years, and at no time during the term of the lease in the company allowed to destroy or cut down the trees. The Bishop also reserves the right to one acre of land whenever he wishes it for the purpose of constructing a church.

NORMALS WERE PLEASED

On Wednesday afternoon the Bulletin office was pleasantly invaded by Vaughn McCaughey at the head of some forty pupils from the Normal school. The party visited the Bulletin to see the big press in action and study the linotype machines. They remained a half hour or more. Acknowledgment of courtesies extended was received today as follows:

"The pupils of the Normal School join with me in heartily thanking you for the very pleasant afternoon that you made possible for them; for your kind interest in the school work; and for the many new and wonderful things that they learned during their interesting visit thru your press rooms.

Sincerely yours,
Normal School,
VAUGHN MCCAUGHEY.

OUTRIGGER LAUNCHED

At the meeting of the Outrigger Canoe Club this afternoon at the Promotion Committee rooms, the following officers were elected: Alexander Hume Ford, president; L. H. Herbert, vice president; Henry P. O'Sullivan, secretary; R. H. Trent, treasurer; Charles R. Frazier, auditor; Kenny Winter, captain. Trustees: J. P. Cooke, Henry Macfarlane, J. R. Galt. The meeting was well attended and the constitution and by-laws brought in by the committee on Plans and Organization, adopted as a whole.

The officers of the club will meet early next week to begin active work looking toward the building of a lagoon at Waikiki beach, where land has been secured. L. E. Pinkham will draw up the plans for the club house. Canoes and surf boards will be in readiness for the sailor boys on their arrival.

The 10-year-old child of Dr. O'Day was this morning operated on for appendicitis by Dr. Judd. The child is doing well.

V. M. Robinson has received his commission as Assistant Clerk in Judge Robinson's court.

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